

**LABELING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINERS <sup>1</sup>**

You are required to label each container that stores or accumulates hazardous waste. Labeling hazardous waste containers not only meets the legal requirements but also helps to identify the type and hazards of the waste. Labels also help to ensure that hazardous waste is safely handled and transported. The regulations require the following on all hazardous waste labels:

**I. Labeling of Hazardous Waste Containers During Storage and Accumulation**

The following are required to be on the labels of hazardous waste containers during storage and accumulation:

- ✓ The start date you begin to accumulate hazardous waste and/or the date the satellite accumulation quantity limit is reached (refer to Chapter 5 regarding Hazardous Waste Accumulation)
- ✓ The words “Hazardous Waste”
- ✓ The make-up of the waste
- ✓ The physical state of the waste (liquid or solid)
- ✓ The hazardous properties of the waste (corrosive, toxic, reactive, flammable)
- ✓ The name and address of the facility generating the waste

**II. Required for Transportation of Hazardous Waste <sup>2</sup>**

In addition to the above requirements, you must also make sure the following are on the label when your hazardous waste is shipped offsite for storage, treatment, or disposal:

- ✓ The statement “HAZARDOUS WASTE – State and Federal Law Prohibit Improper Disposal. If found, contact the nearest police or public safety authority, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the California Department of Toxic Substances Control”
- ✓ Proper shipping name
- ✓ Hazards class and UN# or NA#
- ✓ Manifest number

It is also recommended that you put your California EPA ID# on your hazardous waste label. Your hazardous waste hauler will most likely assist you with completing these requirements.

The following page has a sample Hazardous Waste Label.


**III. Empty Hazardous Waste Containers <sup>3</sup>**

If you have “empty containers” greater than 5 gallons in volume that held hazardous materials, you must mark the container with the date it was emptied and it is highly recommended you also mark the container “empty” (see Chapter 3 regarding Container Management).

**REFERENCES:**

1. Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 66262.34
2. Title 22, CCR Section 66262.32
3. Title 22, CCR Section 66262.7(f)

**SAMPLE LABEL**

|   |  |                                |                              |
|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>HAZARDOUS<br/>WASTE</b>  |  |                                |                              |
| STATE & FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS IMPROPER DISPOSAL<br>IF FOUND, CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE OR PUBLIC SAFETY<br>AUTHORITY, OR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY<br>OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL.   |  |                                |                              |
| PROPER D.O.T. _____<br>SHIPPING NAME _____ UN or NA# _____  |  |                                |                              |
| GENERATOR INFORMATION:  |  | TELEPHONE _____                |                              |
| NAME _____  |  |                                |                              |
| ADDRESS _____   |  |                                |                              |
| CITY _____  |  | STATE _____                    | ZIP _____                    |
| EPA I.D. NO. _____  |  | MANIFEST<br>DOCUMENT NO. _____ |                              |
| ACCUMULATION<br>START DATE _____  | CA<br>WASTE NO. _____  | EPA<br>WASTE NO. _____         |                              |
| CONTENTS, COMPOSITION: _____  |  |                                |                              |
| PHYSICAL STATE: HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES: <input type="checkbox"/> FLAMMABLE <input type="checkbox"/> TOXIC<br><input type="checkbox"/> SOLID <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUID <input type="checkbox"/> CORROSIVE <input type="checkbox"/> REACTIVITY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |  |                                |                              |
| COMPLETE<br>FOR<br>STORAGE  | <b>HANDLE WITH CARE!</b><br>CONTAINS HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC WASTES |                                | COMPLETE<br>FOR<br>TRANSPORT |
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